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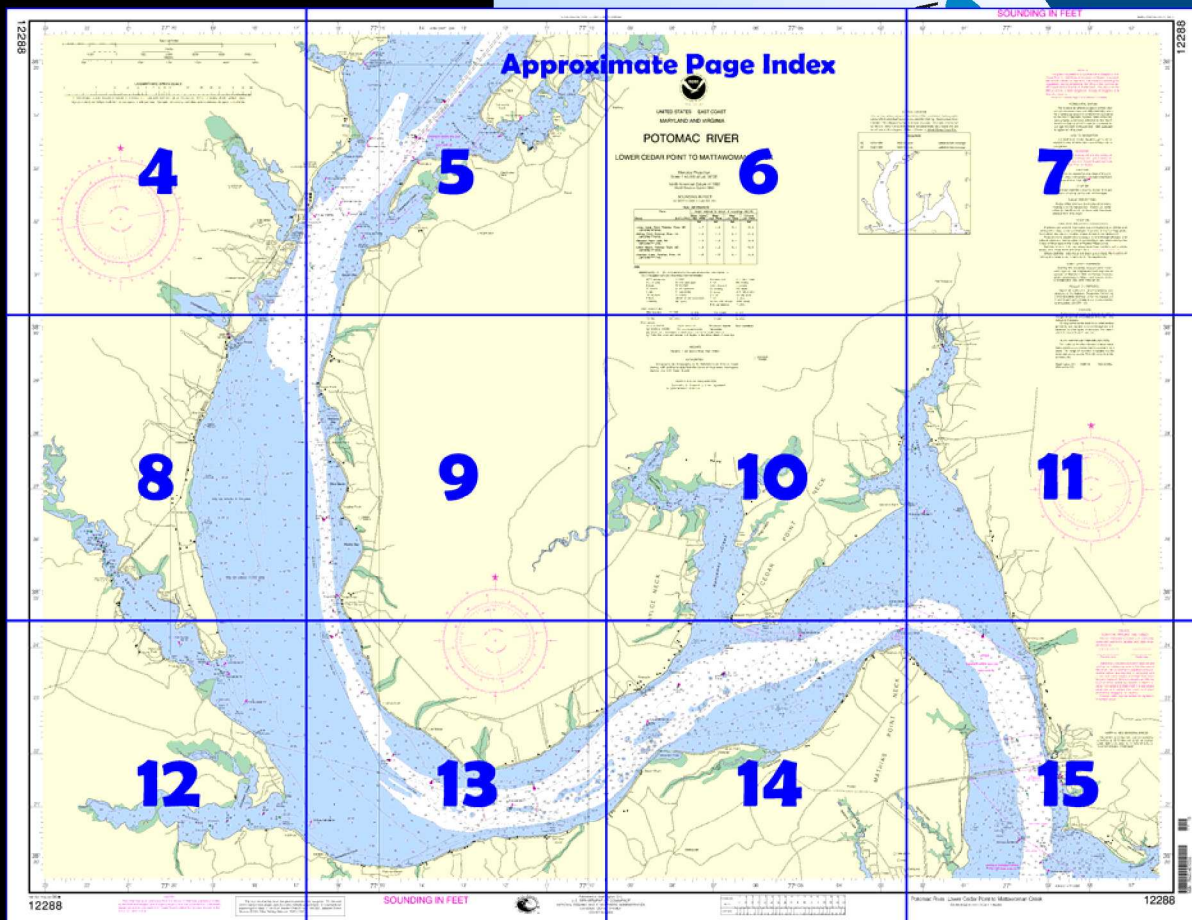
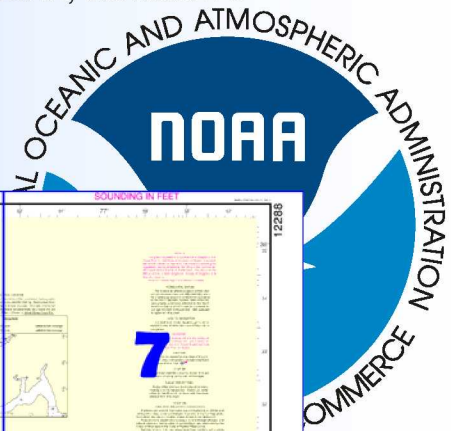
Potomac River - Lower Cedar Point to Mattawoman Creek

(NOAA Chart 12288)



A reduced scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters. When possible, use the full size NOAA chart for navigation.

- ✓ Complete, reduced scale nautical chart
- ✓ Print at home for free
- ✓ Convenient size
- ✓ Up to date with all Notices to Mariners
- ✓ United States Coast Pilot excerpts
- ✓ Compiled by NOAA, the nation's chartmaker.



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What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

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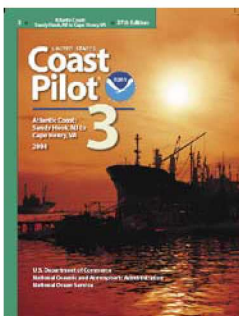
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot, Chapter 12 excerpts]

(115) There is a small-boat basin and marina just above the Harry W. Nice Bridge. The entrance channel and basin have depths of 6 feet. Gasoline, diesel fuel, berths, and marine supplies are available..

(116) A **danger zone** for military testing operations extends 4 miles upriver from the Harry W. Nice Bridge.

(117) **Persimmon Point**. A 3-foot shoal is 0.6 mile southeastward of the point on the west edge of the channel.

(118) **Popes Creek** is not navigable. The village of **Popes Creek** 0.2 mile northward, has limited quantities of gasoline available at a crabhouse pier.

(119) Between Popes Creek and Upper Cedar Point, the Maryland shore of Potomac River bends northward 2 miles to form **Port Tobacco River Flats**, which have shoal spots of 3 to 5 feet but generally navigable

depths of 7 to 10 feet. **Port Tobacco River**, at the head of the bight, has depths of 7 feet for 1.6 miles and thence 5 to 3 feet for another 1.3 miles. A light and daybeacons mark the channel.

(120) **Port Tobacco** is now the head of navigation. Marinas at the town have gasoline, berths, and some supplies.

(122) **Upper Cedar Point** is marked by a light shown from a skeleton tower on piles in depths of 3 feet on the north edge of the channel. Give the light a berth of at least 200 yards.

(123) **Nanjemoy Creek** has a controlling depth of 4 feet in a marked channel to a small craft launching ramp 4 miles above the entrance.

(124) **Metomkin Point**. A light, shown from a pile structure in depths of 1 foot 0.5 mile off the point, marks the shallowest part of a shoal area along the southeast edge of the channel.

(125) **Maryland Point Light** (38°21.0'N., 77°11.9'W.), 42 feet above the water, is shown from a skeleton tower with a black and white diamond-shaped daymark on piles in depths of 9 feet on the south edge of the Potomac River channel. Other shoals east and west of the light are marked by buoys.

(127) Gasoline and some supplies can be obtained at **Fairview Beach**. Depths to the fuel pier are 4 feet.

(128) **Potomac Creek** is used only by small motorboats. The creek has depths of 7 feet in the entrance, thence 3 feet for 2 miles. The best water favors the south side of the entrance. Gasoline and water are available at small-craft facilities on the south side of the creek 1 mile and 2 miles above the entrance.

(129) **Aquia Creek** has depths of 4 to 5 feet to the railroad bridge, and thence 2 feet to **Coals Landing**. The entrance is marked by lights and daybeacons. Small-craft facilities are on the south side of the creek close above and below the bridge

(131) There is danger of striking submerged hulks in the mile-wide former restricted anchorage area that extended 2.5 miles upriver along the Virginia shore from directly opposite Smith Point.

(132) **Mallows Bay** is a ship graveyard area; the western danger limit is a line from Liverpool Point to Sandy Point. A buoy marks the inner edge of the river channel off the bay. The southern part of the bay has unobstructed depths of 5 feet to the submerged wreck near the head.

(133) An aviation school wharf at Mile 66.2W has depths of 8 feet at the outer end. The short dredged channel to the wharf has a reported controlling depth of 6 feet. About 0.2 mile north of the wharf, a diversion canal 5 feet deep connects **Chopawamsic Creek** with the Potomac River; three fixed bridges over the canal have a clearance of 10 feet.

(134) **Quantico** is a training site of the **U.S. Marine Corps**. Except in emergencies, the pier and harbor are restricted to government vessels.

(135) **Quantico Creek** has depths of 7 feet in a narrow, crooked entrance channel, and 2 feet for 2 miles upstream. The railroad bridge over the entrance has a clearance of 8 feet. An overhead power cable along the west side of the bridge have clearances of 8 feet. A small landing on the south side of the entrance is used by local pleasure boats.

(137) **Chicamuxen Creek** has depths of 5 feet in the entrance, but shoals rapidly farther up

(138) A **danger zone** of a Navy explosion test area includes part of Chicamuxen Creek and extends northeastward in Potomac River up to 0.5 mile off the Maryland shore for 5 miles to Indian Head.

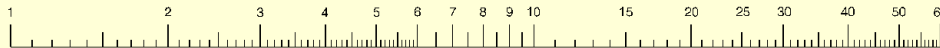
(141) **Mattawoman Creek** has easily navigated depths of 7 to 5 feet for 1 mile to the marsh that extends southeastward from **Deep Point** to the edge of the channel. The channel is marked by a daybeacon and lights. Above this marsh, the creek channel has greater depths for 3 miles, but meanders back and forth between the flats and is almost impossible to follow without a guide.. A pier and launching ramp is at **Sweden Point**. In October 1979, depths of 3 feet were reported to the dock.

(142) **Powells Creek** has depths of 4 to 5 feet in the approach and 1 to 2 feet through the railroad bridge and for a short distance upstream.

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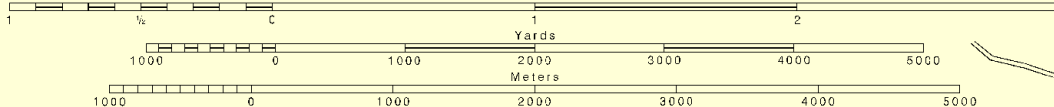
LOGARITHMIC SPEED SCALE



To find SPEED, place one point of dividers on distance run (in any unit) and the other on minutes run. Without changing divider spread, place right point on 60 and left point will then indicate speed in units per hour. Example: with 4.0 nautical miles run in 15 minutes, the speed is 16.0 knots.

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Nautical Miles



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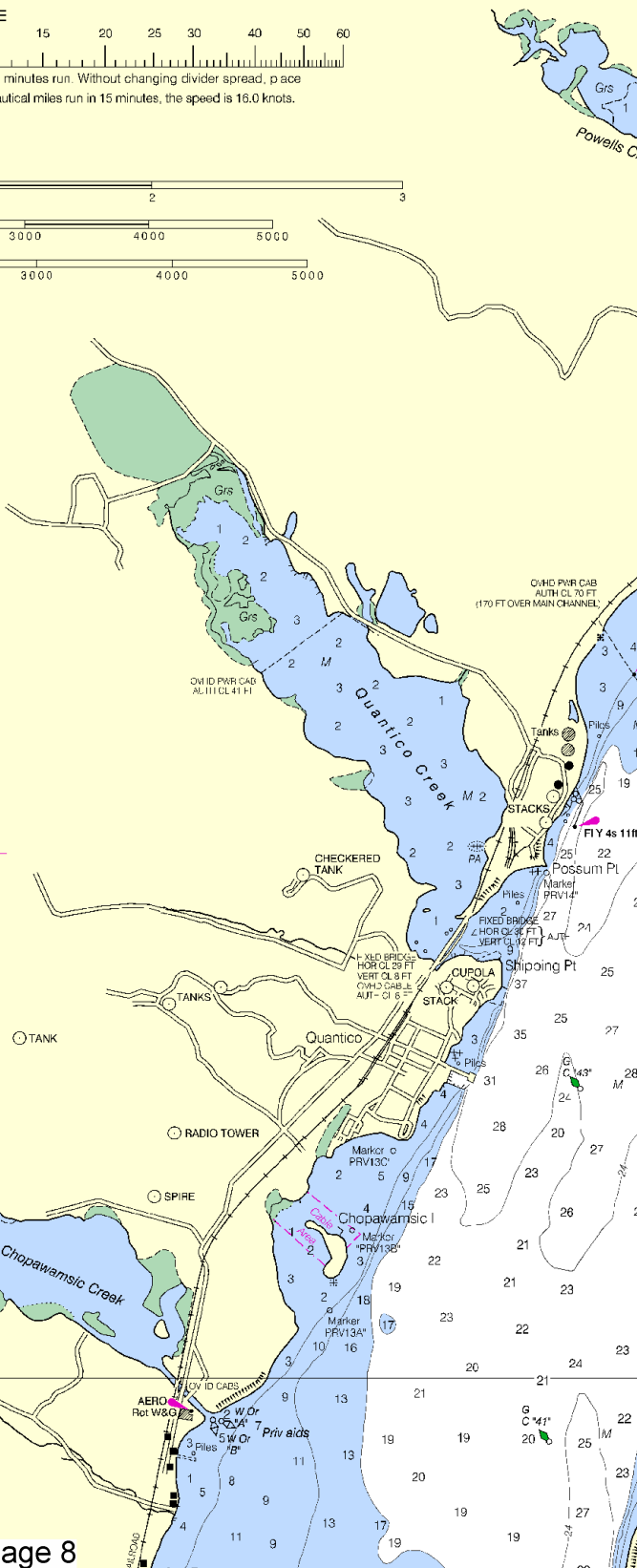
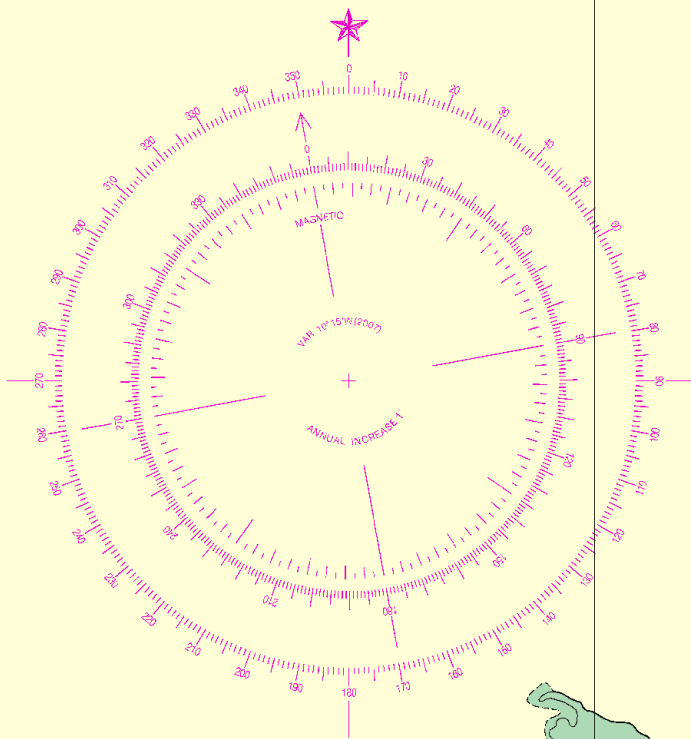
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31'

38° 30'



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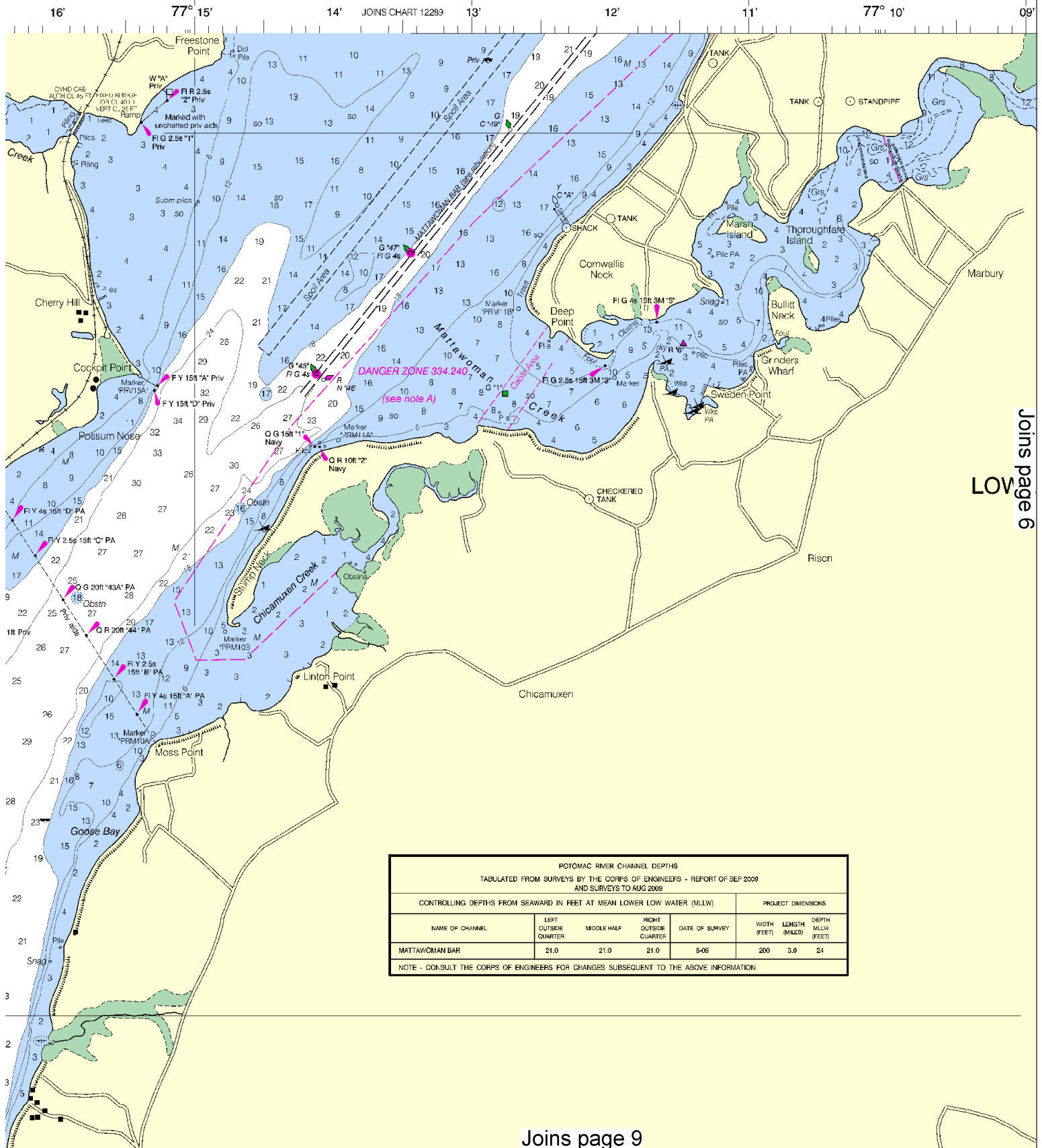


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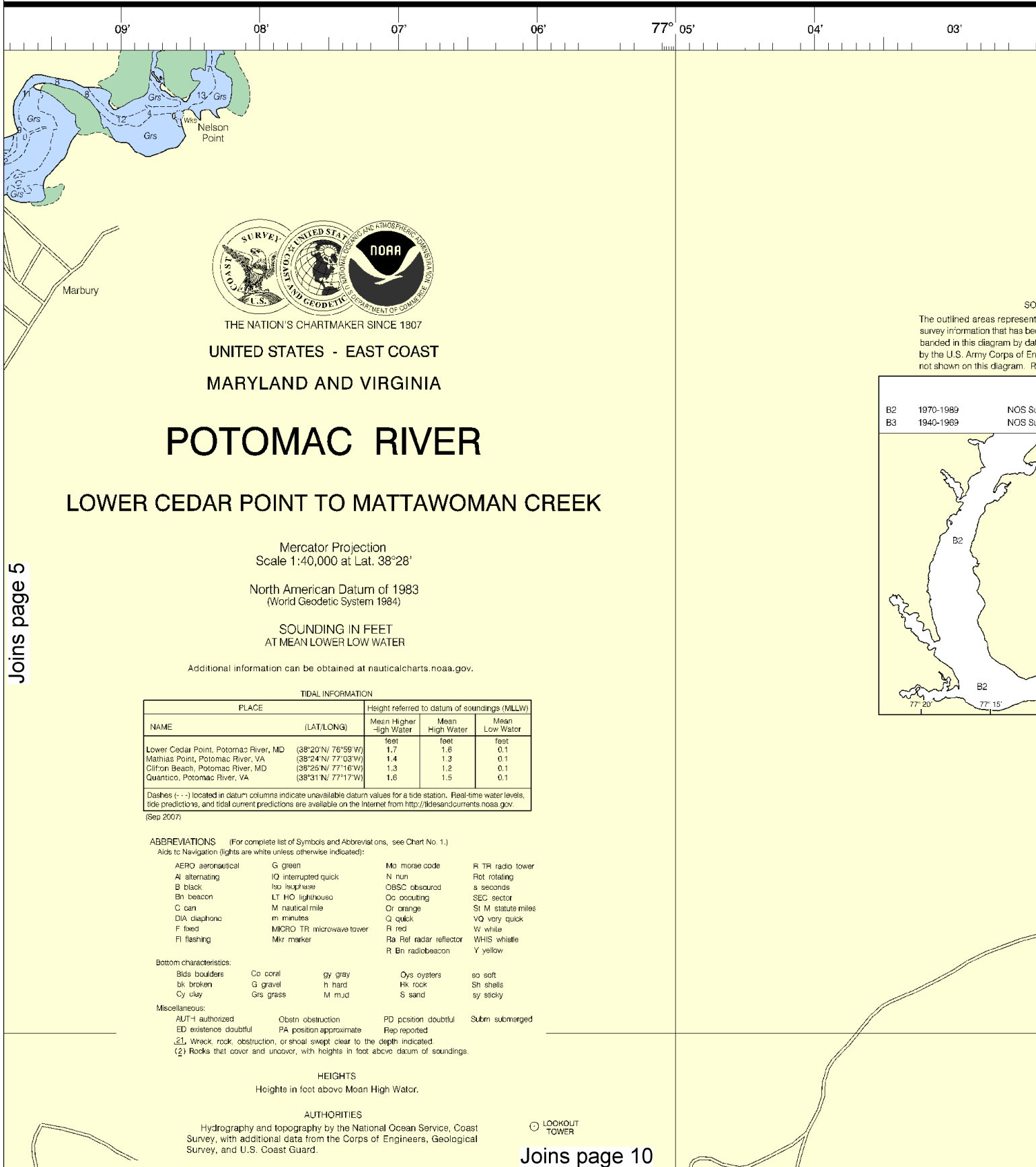




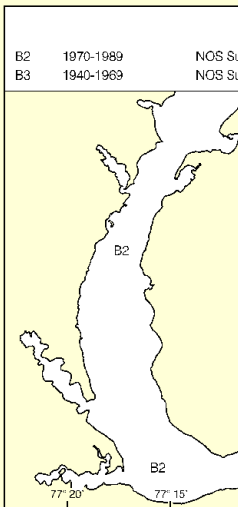
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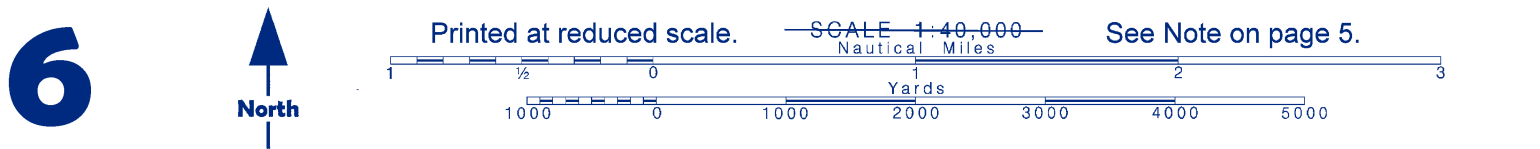


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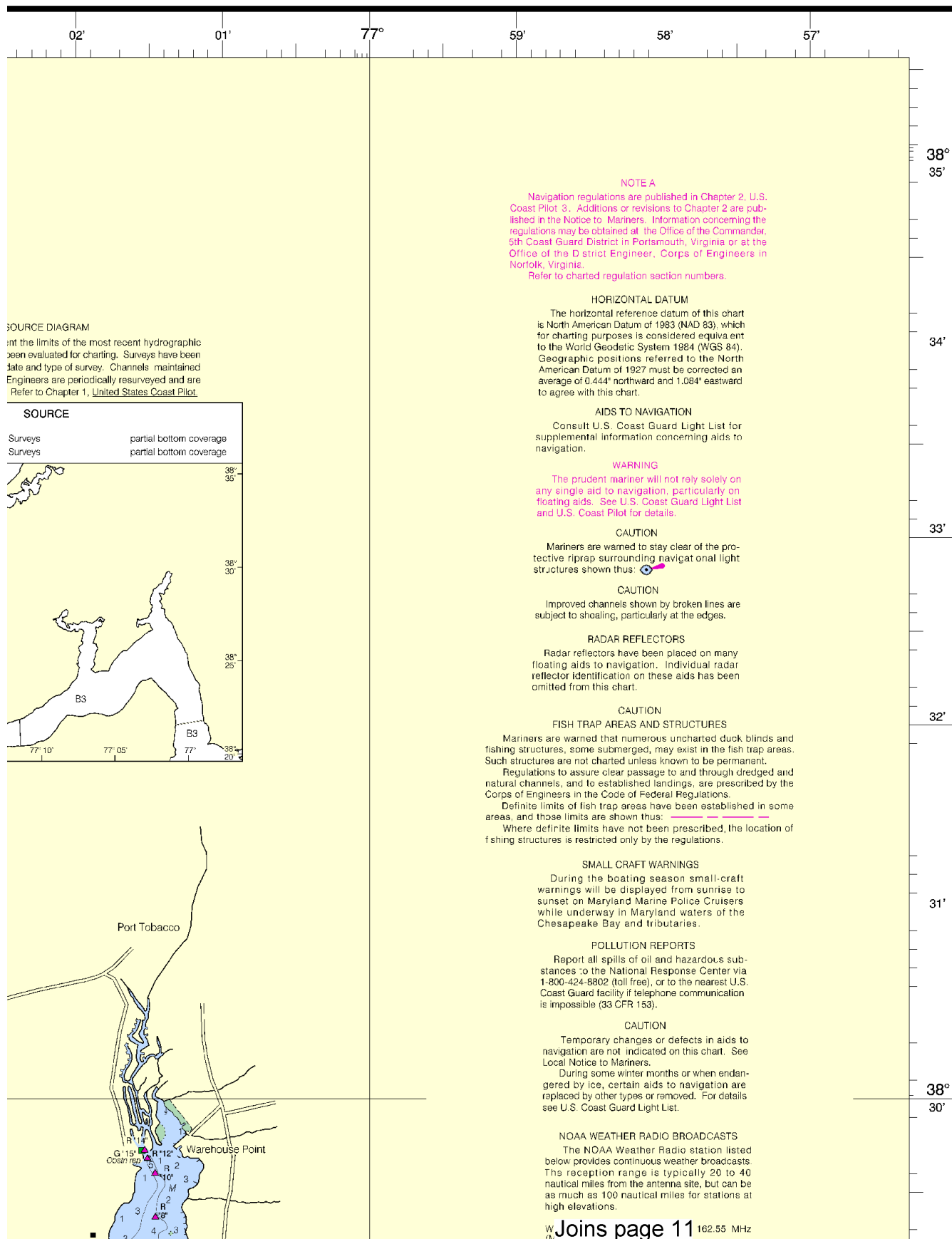


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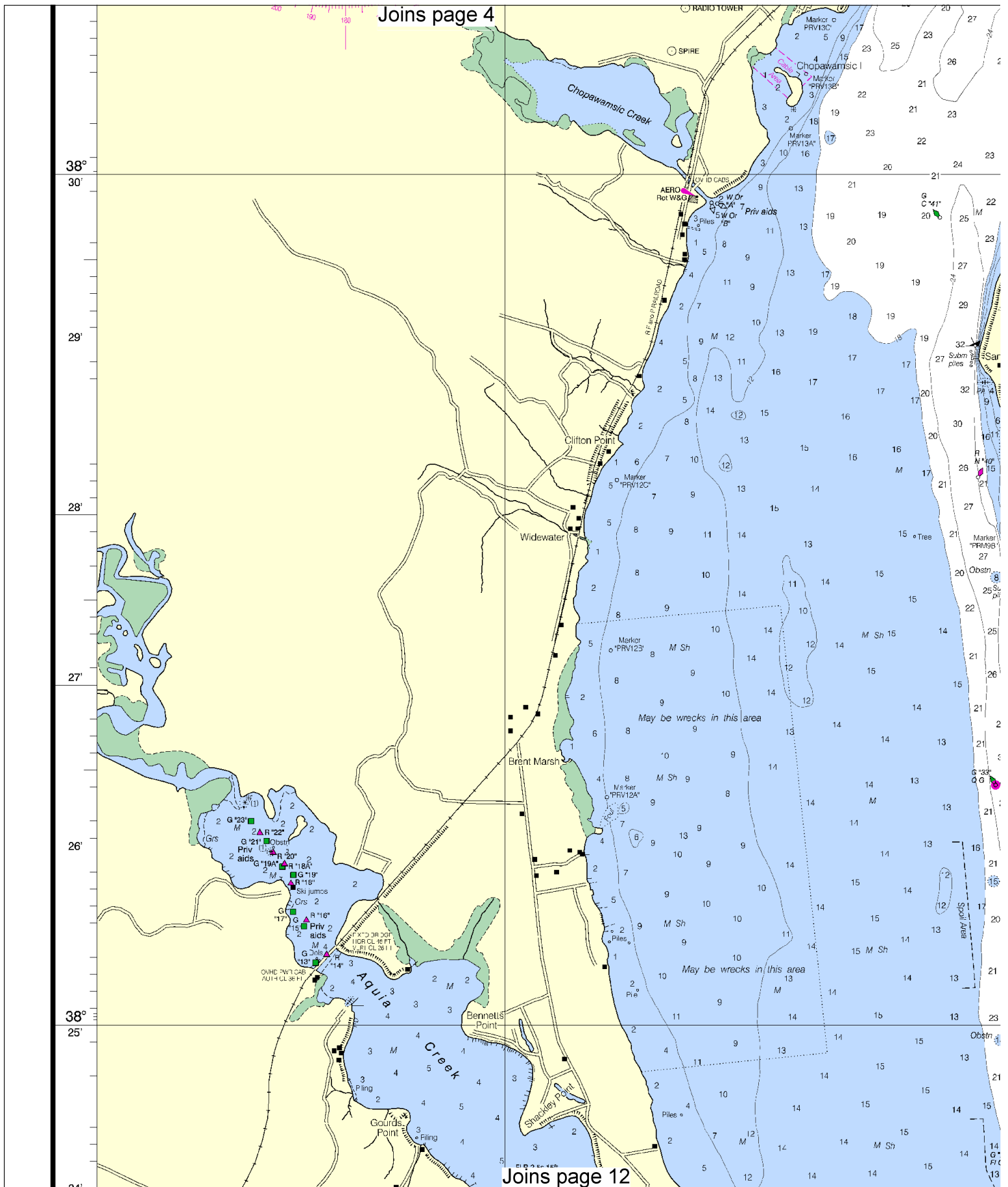
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SOUNDINGS IN FEET



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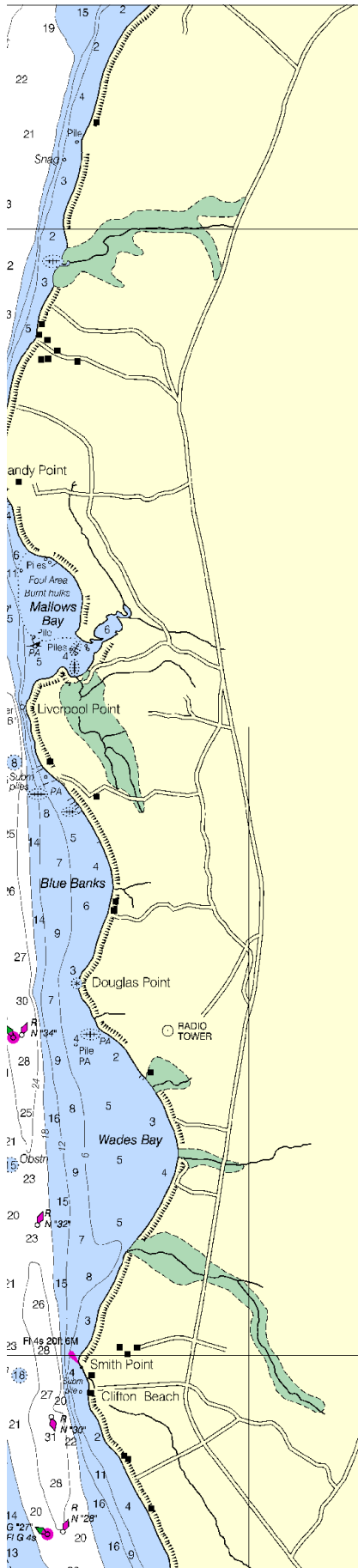
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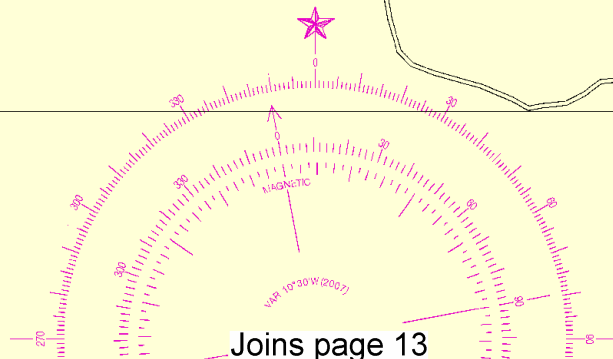


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POTOMAC RIVER CHANNEL DEPTHS						
TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - REPORT OF SEP 2008 AND SURVEYS TO AUG 2009						
CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)				PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	DEPTH (FEET)
MATTAWOMAN BAR	21.0	21.0	21.0	8-08	200	24
NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION						



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AERO aeronautical
 Al alternating
 B black
 Bn beacon
 C can
 DIA diaphonic
 F fixed
 Fl flashing
 G green
 IQ interrupted quick
 Iso isophase
 LT HO lighthouse
 M nautical mile
 m minutes
 MICRO TR microwave tower
 Mk marker
 M tower
 N tower
 OBSC obscured
 Oc occulting
 Or orange
 Q quick
 R red
 Ra Ref radar reflector
 R Bn radiobeacon
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 St M statute miles
 VQ very quick
 W white
 WHIS whistle
 Y yellow
 Bottom characteristics:
 Blds boulders
 bk broken
 Cy clay
 Co coral
 G gravel
 Grs grass
 gy gray
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 M mud
 Oys oysters
 Hk rock
 S sand
 so soft
 Sh shells
 sy sticky
 Miscellaneous:
 AUT-I authorized
 ED existence doubtful
 (1) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.
 (2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in foot above datum of soundings.
 Obstrn obstruction
 PA position approximate
 Rep reported
 Subm submerged
 PD position doubtful

HEIGHTS

Heights in foot above Mean High Water.

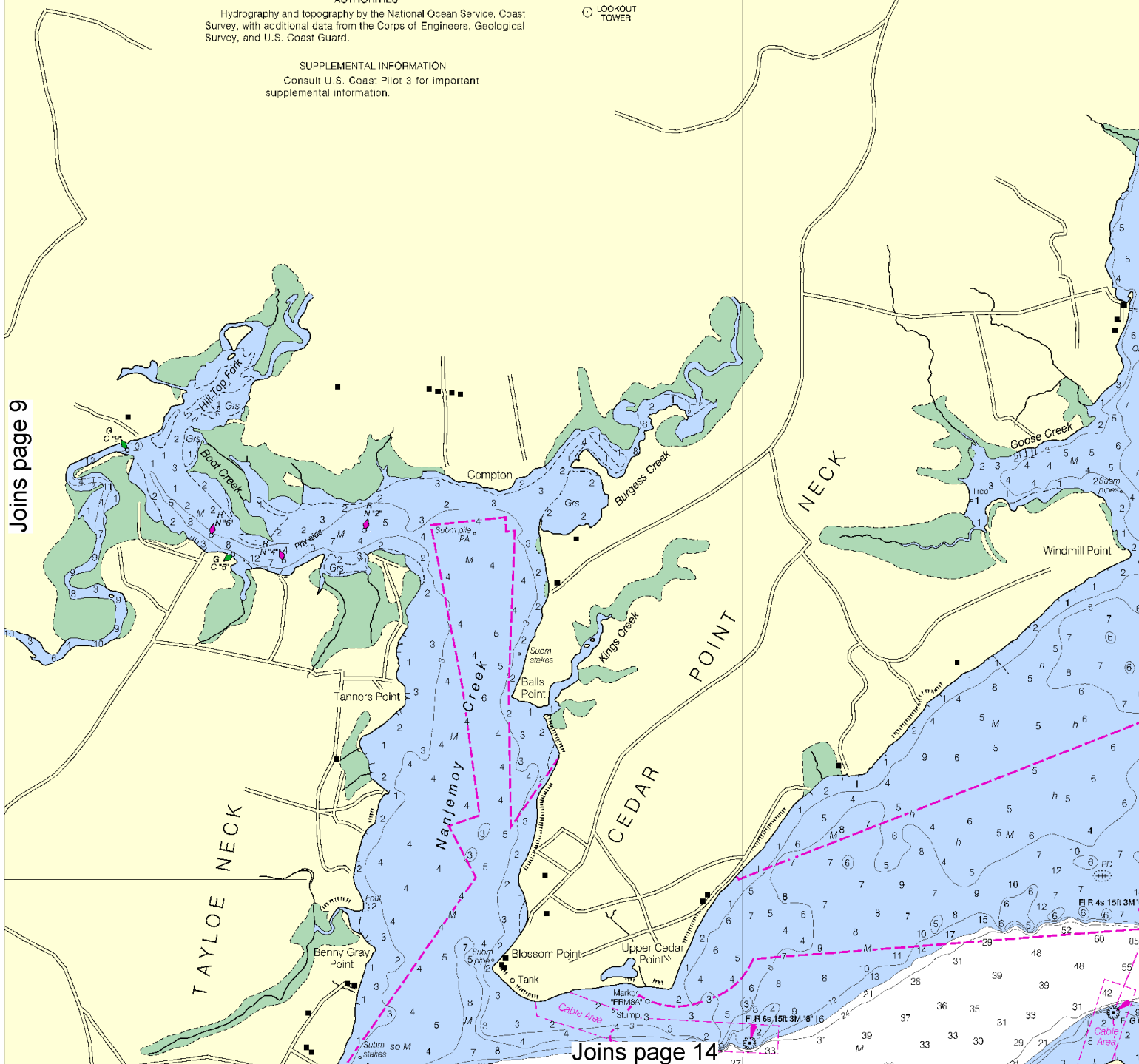
AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

LOOKOUT TOWER

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coas: Pilot 3 for important supplemental information.



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POLLUTION REPORTS
Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

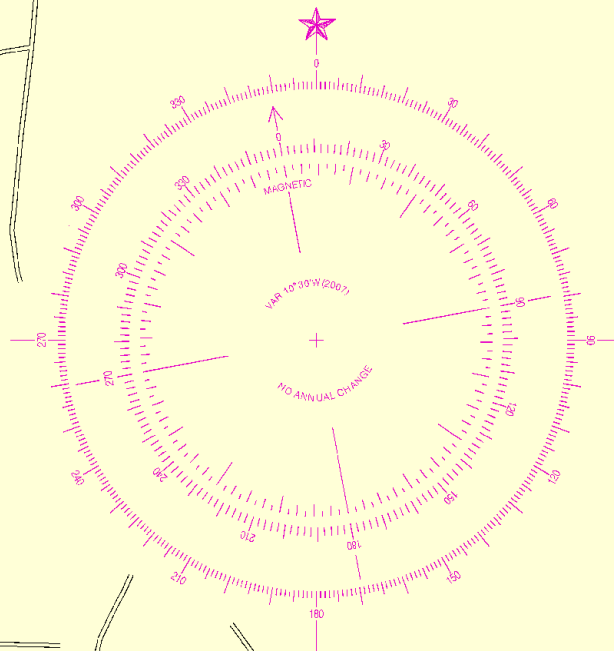
CAUTION
Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.
During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS
The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Washington, DC KHB-36 162.55 MHz
(Manassas, VA)

NOTE B
UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

Unexploded ordnance may exist within the charted limits. River currents may have transported ordnance outside the areas shown.



CAUTION
SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES
Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas (shown as dashed lines).

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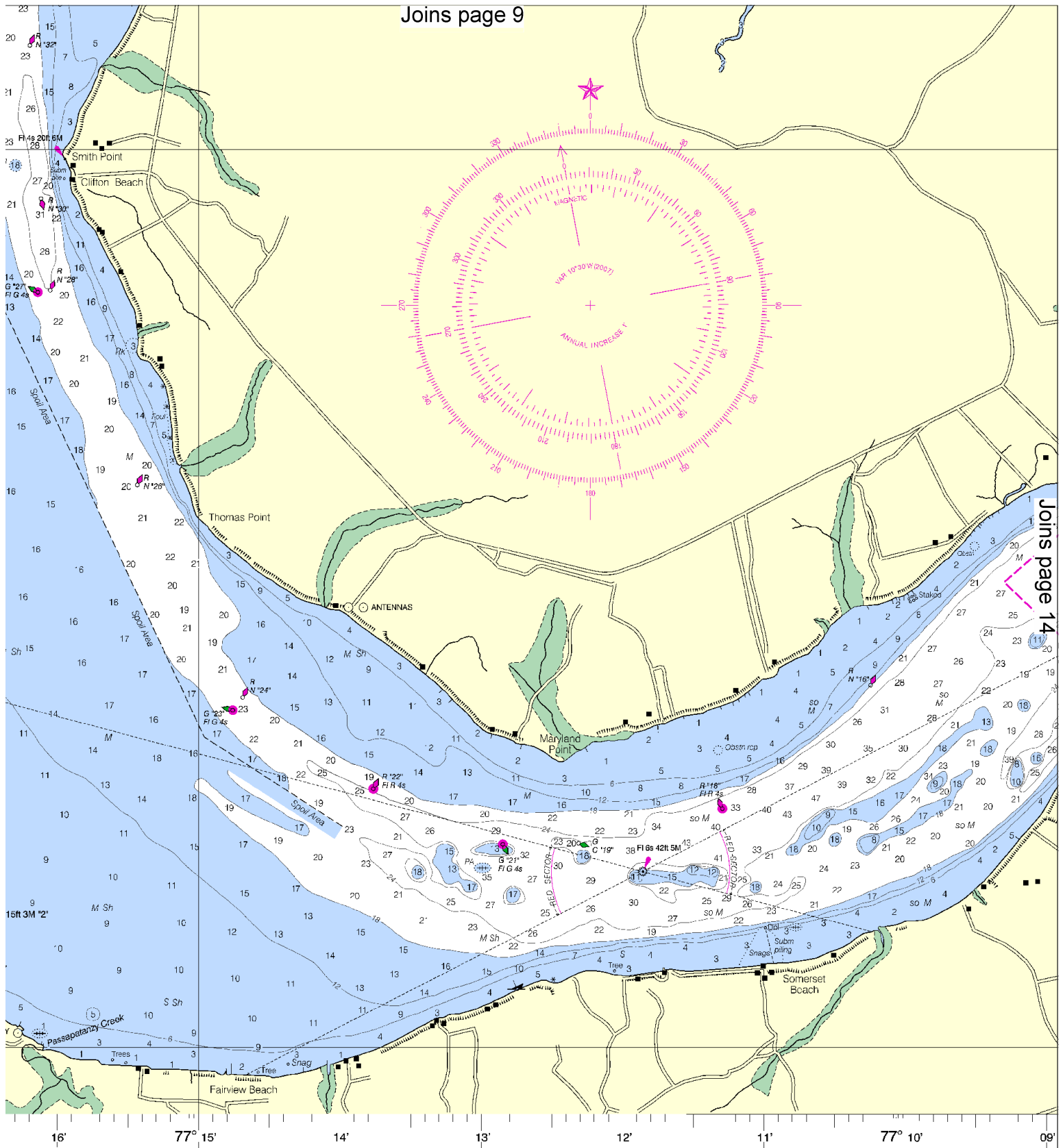
28'

27'

26'

38°
25'

24'



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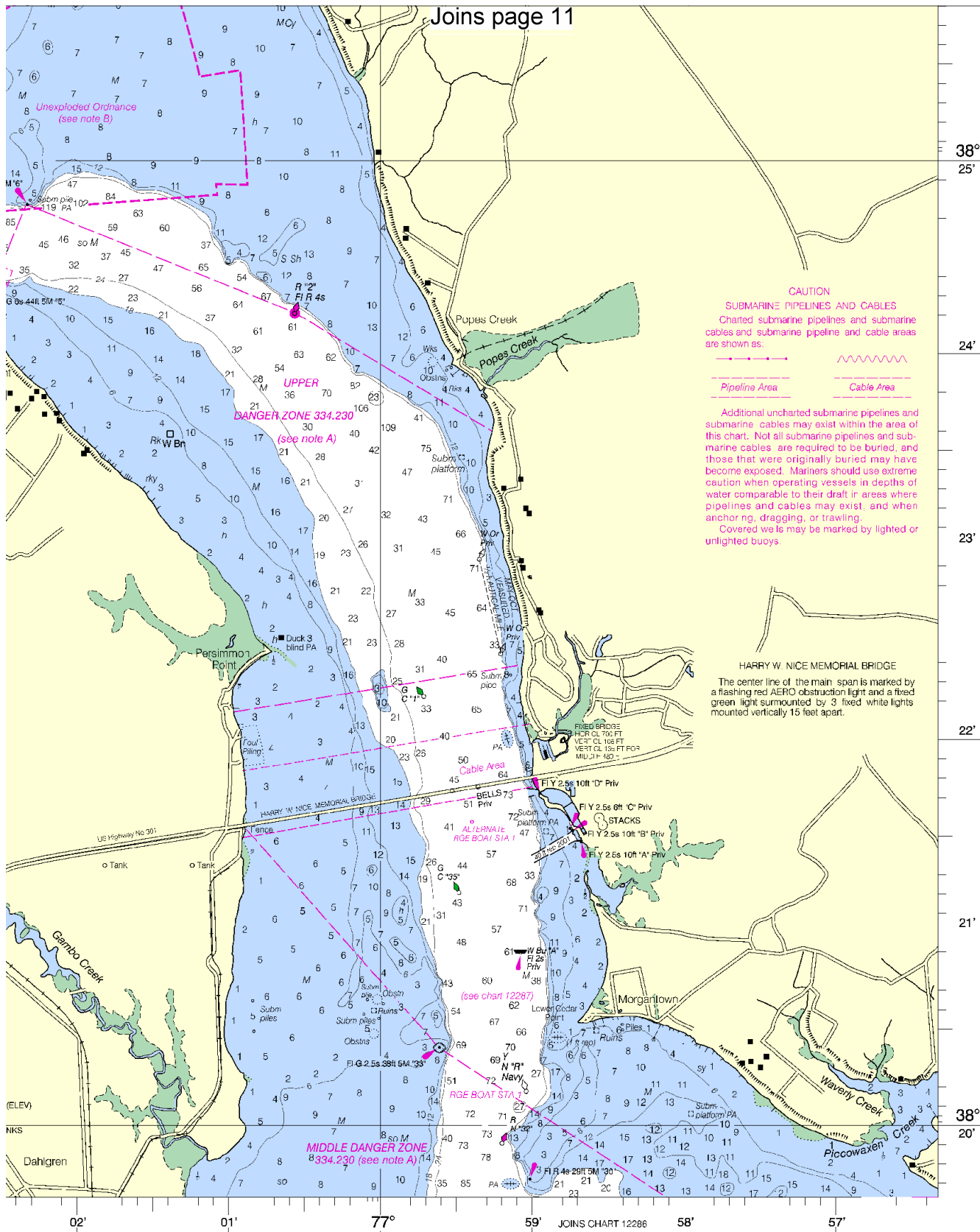
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FATHOMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
FEET	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66
METERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11



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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Intership safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22 – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78 – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: “MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY.”
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Search & Rescue – 800-418-7314/410-576-2525

Coast Guard St.Inigoes – 301-872-4344/4345

Maryland Natural Resources Police – 410-260-8888

Virginia Marine Police – 800-541-4646

NOAA Weather Radio – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

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